



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee

Harry Schibanoff, Chairman

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Town of Hudson Benson Park Committee Meeting Minutes April 17, 2014

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Benson Park Committee was called to order by Chair H. Schibanoff at 6:30pm, April 17, 2014, at the Benson Park Office Building.

2. Attendance:

Ralph Alio, Keith Bowen, Ann Desrosiers, Dick Empey, John Leone, Selectman Liaison
Ben Nadeau, Selectman Alternate Liaison Patricia Nichols
Excused: Vice Chair Jim Barnes, Alternate Shawn Jasper

3. Public Input - None

4. Approval of Minutes

To be approved at regular meeting on May 1, 2014

5. Old Business – None

6. New Business

A The Benson Park Committee conducted a Walk Through Tour of the park to form a list of highlighted projects which could be attempted over the next several months. D. Empey will assemble the list of proposed projects which include the location for the new gazebo with walkways at the peninsula on Swan Lake, removal of bittersweet, repairs to picnic tables, re-shingling on the A Frame roof, cleaning and weeding out areas near Serenity Garden, removal of dead and broken trees near the Chestnut Tree Area, removing old tree stumps behind the office, and regrading the area at the former Red Barn. The committee also commented on possible locations for the installation of the engraved stone near the Old Shoe.

B. Lori Bowen updated the committee with the latest developments for the Amphitheater. Ground breaking will be happening in mid-July, and the installation of the structure will be a 2 to 3 day project in August – to be performed by a skilled and competent volunteer crew.

Lori Bowen, the Coordinator for the Hudson Senior Services, also proposed activities for the seniors to utilize the park. In September she would like to implement a low-impact walking program throughout the park whereby seniors would partake in walking activities on mapped distances - including distances for a Benchwalk.

7. Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members

Committee members expressed concern for groups who have scheduled events (via permits) at the park to celebrate birthdays, weddings, reunions, picnics, etc. Most felt that it would be helpful and beneficial for the committee and visitors to know beforehand if specific venues had been requested – along with designated times for usage. While there is no policy for ensuring that a permit would be honored in the event of a conflict with another visiting group, a more a detailed permit could resolve any unforeseen issues.

8. Next Meeting

May 1, 2014 Town Hall

Adjournment 8:05 pm

A. Desrosiers made a Motion to Adjourn

J. Leone Second the Motion

All in favor-Motion Carries